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Tory club in line to be venue for music

A FORMER club building that has long been a target for vandalism is to be given a new lease of life as a live music venue and recording studio, it has been revealed.

The Conservative Club, in New Road, Stourbridge, closed its doors in 2007 and has remained disused since then.

But signs have now gone up at the distinctive white building announcing the new venue, called Moochers Jailhouse, will open soon.

It will include a bar, areas for live music and a recording studio that will help up and coming bands from the area.

A Facebook site has been set up asking for bands interested in performing or staging a recording session to get in touch.

Recruitment for staff has also started.

Work has now started to convert the building to its new use.

Workers were seen at the venue last week and it is expected to open later this year.

It is not the first time the site has been used for live music as bands performed there in the 1960s, including The Banned which featured a young Robert Plant.

Car parks are given awards

MORE than a dozen Dudley car parks have now received national recognition for their design, layout and safety.

Council-run car parks in Dudley, Stourbridge, Brierley Hill, Halesowen, Kingswinford and Sedgley have all received the national Park Mark Safer Parking Scheme award.

A second section of Bank Street car park in Brierley Hill is the latest car park to receive the award, making a total of 14 UK-approved car parks in the borough.

They were rewarded for their condition, cleanliness, security measures and safety.

BEACON LIGHTS UP JUBILEE JOY

Report by Adam Burling

FROM traditional street parties to family fun days, the jubilee spirit was in full swing across the Stourbridge area.

Union flags were out and bunting was up as thousands of people turned out across the Dudley borough and South Staffordshire to honour the Queen's milestone.

Beacons were lit at Kinver Edge and on the Clent Hills, as well as on top of Dudley Castle as part of the festivities – along with more than 4,000 being lit across the country to honour Her Majesty.

More than 400 cubs, beavers and scouts from across the Halesowen district and West Mercia gathered in Clent on Monday night and scout leader Ian Dale said it was a "great event". Dudley's beacon was lit by 11-year-old Dominic MacGowen, from Halesowen, who later this month will become the youngest Olympic torchbearer.

MP vow on post office reopening

AN MP has vowed to keep fighting to get a post office reopened in a Black Country village after bosses promised to look into the effect its controversial closure had three years ago.

The Post Office Ltd has pledged to investigate the possibility of reopening facilities in Quarry Bank after Stourbridge MP Margot James raised the matter with Minister for Postal Affairs Norman Lamb MP.

Ms James urged the Minister to consider reopening a branch or Post Office counter in the village, which traders say has been hit by the closure in 2008.

Bosses will carry out an analysis of the impact of reopening a post office there and the effect closing down the facility had.

The study will explore the potential effect on neighbouring branches and whether new facilities in Quarry Bank would have an "unacceptably adverse" effect on nearby branches.

The findings will then be shared with the MP when the process is complete.

She said: "I will continue to work to press the Post Office and argue the case for a return of services to the area."

"I am delighted the Post Office Ltd has committed to undertake this review into the viability of more facilities in Quarry Bank."

Dominic, who attends Leasowes Community College in Halesowen, said: "It's an honour to be asked to light the beacon. There aren't many people who can say they have done this and carried the Olympic torch. I'm very proud."

The Mount Pleasant pub in Kingswinford held a street party and a fun day with bouncy castles and children's entertainment.

Hundreds of people flocked to the events in Cot Lane over the weekend.

Entertainment included an Elvis impersonator, a Bavarian one-man band and a disco on the pub car park, while Stourbridge firefighters paid a visit to show youngsters their fire engine.

Fantastic

Landlady Claire Rose said: "It was a fantastic weekend and the pub was absolutely packed. We wanted to get everyone together to celebrate the jubilee and we had a great time."

Residents in Stourton Crescent, Stourton provided something more substantial than sandwiches and cake by laying on fish and chips for 60 guests.

The hungry revellers eagerly waited as a batch was brought back from the local chip shop.

Organiser Carol Rooney, a retired sales manager who has lived in the crescent for 15 years, said: "It's something different and most people enjoy fish and chips."

"We had a street party on a smaller scale for the Royal Wedding last year. It's good to get the community together."

Street parties were held throughout the borough including one in Manderston Close, Dudley, where more than 100 people turned out on Sunday despite the wet weather.



Excitement mounts as the flames of the magnificent beacon fan the celebrations



Hundreds gathered on the Clent Hills to witness the lighting of one of the area's beacons

School to close day of pupil's funeral

A WORDSLEY school will close for a day for pupils and staff to attend the funeral of an eight-year-old who died suddenly hours after an asthma attack.

Counsellors were brought in at Fairhaven Primary, in Barnett Lane, to comfort Owen Jeremy's friends and teachers as the sad news of the tragedy was broken to them.

Head teacher Dave Rowe, who described Owen as a "lovely, very lively" boy who enjoyed playing football, has decided to close the school as a mark of respect on June 15, when the funeral will take place at Gornal Wood Crematorium at 11.40am.

Owen, who lived with his parents, David and Rowena, in Wordsley, had passed his 50 metre swimming badge and played football on the day leading up to the tragedy, despite having been "wheezy" for a few weeks.

On the afternoon of May 23, school staff called his parents because he was wheezing and they took him to Russells Hall Hospital, Dudley, where he later suffered a cardiac arrest and was certified dead.

Mr Rowe, headteacher at Fairhaven Primary for five years, said: "All of us in the school community are absolutely shocked and devastated. He was a lovely little boy – very lively – and enjoyed playing football."

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Speed limit is removed

A CONTROVERSIAL 20mph zone on a town centre dual carriageway has been removed, to the relief of motorists who claimed it was dangerous.

The limit was introduced on a 300ft stretch of the A458 Birmingham Street in Stourbridge.

Motorists said the restriction was too slow and could cause more accidents than it prevents.

It was enforced while work was carried out on the town's new bus station.

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The playground is awash with colour as pupils celebrate the jubilee at Wollescote Primary School, Drummond Road



The crowning glory – youngsters with jubilee crowns at the Brook Primary School in George Street, Wordsley



Merry Hill Asda staff with pupils Millie Cole, Sophie Randle, and Charlie Jones, of Ashwood Primary School,



Colourful balloons are launched out into the world with messages from children and teachers at Ashwood Primary, Wordsley



Members of the Amblecote Christian Centre New Life Group get together to enjoy the Diamond Jubilee celebrations in Brettle Lane



The "Queen" visiting St James' CofE Primary, Wollaston with, left, Daniel Smart, aged 11 and Ben Bethell, 7, and right, Mollie Bucknall, eight, and Maria Humphries, seven

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Cone's royal makeover



Michele Gulliver with the artwork which has been given a royal makeover

A METAL and glass vine climbing the side of one of the Midlands' top tourist attractions has been given a Royal makeover.

The piece at Wordsley's Red House Glass Cone was created by Bromsgrove artist and jeweller

Michele Gulliver for the 2006 International Festival of Glass.

To mark the Diamond Jubilee, additional vines, flowers and leaves, topped off with a crown, have been added. Michele worked with Sarah Jones and Jane Ellis from the Cone.

A SPORTY eight-year-old Wordsley boy died suddenly just hours after suffering an asthma attack at school.

The heartbroken mother of Owen Jeremy, spoke of her "very loving" little boy. Although he had suffered with asthma and had many overnight stays in hospital in the last seven years, he enjoyed playing football and tennis and swimming.

"He never stopped running around," said mother Rowena Jeremy, aged 37.

"He was a very loving little boy, had a wicked sense of humour and was very socially conscious. When he was four he used to shout at 4x4 vehicles that they made the planet sad. He loved all the super heroes and wanted to be a rock star scientist like Brian Cox."

School

Owen, who lived with his mother and father David, aged 41, in Primrose Hill, was a pupil at Fairhaven Primary School, Wordsley.

His mother said he had been "wheezy" over the previous month but had managed to take his swimming badge and play football in his lunch hour at school.

Mrs Jeremy said while at hospital he played with his father while waiting in the X-ray room and was happily talking about a holiday to Butlins, and a planned trip to Disneyland Paris in the summer.

At 1pm he deteriorated, and was given adrenalin but suffered a cardiac arrest.

Mrs Jeremy said staff worked hard to save him for 45 to 55 minutes.

"At 51 minutes past midnight last Thursday morning he was certified dead and we lost the centre of our world," she said.



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Family's delight as DIY disaster turned around



Joanne and Wayne Whitehouse in their amazing new kitchen after being given the DIY SOS treatment



The show's workforce applauds after the job ends



Wayne with son Jack, eight, in his new bedroom

THERE were cheers and tears as a family who were rescued from a DIY disaster by a hit BBC makeover show saw their episode being aired on television.

Just five months ago TV presenter Nick Knowles and his team from the BBC One programme DIY SOS descended on the Whitehouse family's cramped three bedroom home in Lower Gornal and transformed it into a tranquil oasis.

Parents Joanne and Wayne White-

house had wanted new bedrooms in an extension for their children in their Park Road home but had struggled to finish the job. When the show was aired last week, the startling transformation was revealed.

Wayne, a butcher at FA Gill Ltd in Parkfields, Wolverhampton, explained to Knowles how the family had begun building an extension to the house to provide a bedroom for each of the children, but the work had cost too much.

They had re-mortgaged the home to get the work done, but the money had dried up. The couple and their children

Katie Homer, aged 22, Ginny, 10 and Jack, eight had been living with roof beams and brickwork left exposed in an unfinished extension for months.

The children suffer from varying forms of Fragile X Syndrome which can lead to learning difficulties and physical disabilities and need space to be able to live in comfort.

Joanne, aged 40, said: "I was gob smacked at it, it was and is perfect for us, it was completely wonderful."

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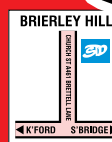
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Steering group for skate park springs into action

Pupils going for gold



School Olympics – Ham Dingle pupils Chloe Davies, Jake Adams and Kate Martin, all aged 11

PRIMARY school pupils in Stourbridge will be going for gold with their own version of the London 2012 Olympics.

Ham Dingle School in Pedmore will run the event for all pupils on

June 21. Parents and governors will be invited to watch the activities, which will run from 1.30 to 3.30pm and will include a medal ceremony afterwards. An opening and closing ceremony will also take place.

The wheels are in motion to set up an official group to steer forward plans for a skate park in Stourbridge, which could cost up to £200,000 to develop.

Four adults came forward to lead the steering group, bringing in local teenagers to be part of the campaign.

Almost 30 people attended a meeting at Chawn Park Church, Oldswinford, on Thursday night aimed at getting action to fill the gap left when a town centre car park, which had become an unofficial skateboarding haunt, was demolished a few weeks ago.

Russell Eden, whose son Max, aged 15, was left devastated when the Bell Street car park was demolished to make way for the new Tesco superstore being built in the town, organised the meeting.

Involved

He said: "People there, including two local councillors, were very keen to help try to solve what is quite a long-standing problem, exacerbated by the loss of the car park."

"We are keen to make sure that youngsters of all ages are involved in the steering committee and will soon meet as a steering group to engage with Dudley Council, Stourbridge MP Margot James and others about trying to identify a site for a skate park."

"Then we would set about raising the money for a park, which could be anything from £100,000 to £200,000."

"It won't happen overnight and we would be over the moon if we could have a park built in three years' time," added Mr Eden.

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By Fiona Carding of the Black Country Living Museum

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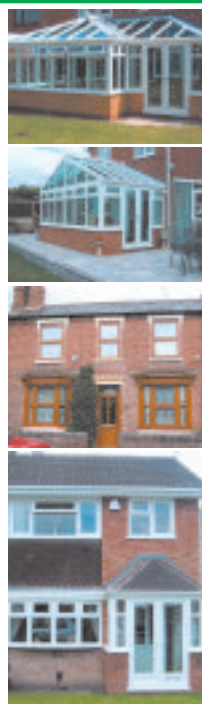
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Getting the best of both worlds

HOW interesting to find following the recent council elections and subsequent changes, doubt is cast over what is an ideal solution to many years spent attempting to find a home for the world renowned Heathens speedway team.

The proposed castle gate site is ideal since it is within the leisure quarter of the town and well away from housing, which has been a major concern when attempting to find a suitable site. It will sit well alongside the castle/zoo and Black Country Living Museum and add to visitor numbers at those attractions and also created custom for pubs and restaurants. Could the new venue

provide a new home for Dudley Town given its proximity to their former home, in addition to Gornal Athletic?

The other proposal for the site of a 160 bedroom hotel could easily be sited elsewhere, but a home for the Heathens has proved a lot more difficult to find.

A potential site for a hotel could be that proposed for the failed mosque application. This is visible and easily reached from the by-pass and could help to minimise the effect the proposed castle gate hotel would have on the existing establishments.

The plan for a joint entrance for the zoo and museum need not be compro-

mised by the new stadium, although the need for the entrance should only be pursued when the two attractions are sensibly merged to make one world class attraction.

If the council intends to work with the Heathens to find a new home, it should consider the problem this has already caused and not miss what could be the last opportunity they have before momentum is lost. There may well be a plan for Castle Gate, but plans can be refined and Dudley could end up with the best of both worlds.

STEVE ASTON

Fourth generation Dudley resident

Not right example to set for children

WE speak about no respect in today's society. I saw a great example when I took my grand-daughters to the playground at Haden Hill Park and bowls centre.

My girls were playing in the play area when a group of young parents, pushing prams, came into the inner play ground.

It was good to see young children on the various swings and slides with mom and dad.

The men suddenly all left and went onto the lovely bowling green and proceeded to play football on the green with the bowls only sign right in front of them.

Then I noticed moms and dads all had bottles of Alcopops in their hands.

A lovely example to the children of respect!

RAY "CHUCK" FRANKLIN
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What achievement for the Finch family

THE people of Dudley have returned a Labour council again. Well done! I am also pleased that for the Mayor of Dudley, they have chosen a gentleman from Coseley, Councillor Melvyn Mottram.

I have great affection for the area having worked for the former Coseley Council in the housing department from 1952 to 1966 when it got broken up. Also my wife is a Coseley girl. I was Dudley born and moved down to the Wrens Nest with my parents, living in Willow Road from 1937-99. I had the pleasure of growing up with some of the best pals anyone could ever meet and two of my pals are Ken Finch, who became mayor of this town, and now his brother who is knocking on the same door. Best of luck Alan, I know if your mum and dad where with you today, they would be very proud of you. What an achievement for this family.

If this did happen we would all be proud of you both, I know I would and what an achievement for the Wrens Nest School, knowing you were taught there. Good luck Alan, we are keeping our fingers crossed.

MR L LANGFORD
Beech Green, Dudley

So invisible

REGARDING the marina in Swindon and the fears about parking due to the increased number of berths. I read with interest the planning officers telling us who live in the village how beneficial it will be. Who are these invisible people? It is already a village swamped by traffic and dangerous to cross the road. We all know that when planning decisions are found to be wanting, all those wise planning officers tend to hide their heads in the sand.

TONY HICKLING
High Street
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Reunion plea

I CAN'T believe it's over 50 years since I left Halesowen Technical School and would love to meet old classmates from C5 who left in 1960. I have found four out 32. It is difficult when they probably now have different married surnames but there must be some of us left. Contact me on 01902 687788 so we can arrange a get-together before we get too old!

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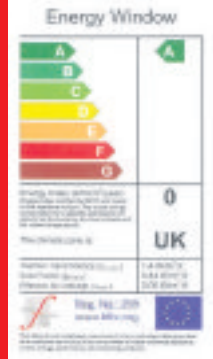
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Enter stage left – firm comes to theatre's aid

A LONG-ESTABLISHED theatre group that faced an uncertain future over its prop storage unit being demolished has been saved by a local business.

Dudley Little Theatre, created in 1947, appealed for help to find new premises before the end of May.

It is using a site in Pelham Street, Wolverhampton, but it is being knocked down as part of a new housing development.

Now the owners of Anchor Self Storage have offered a unit at a reduced rent. The group was looking for somewhere within easy access of Netherton Arts Centre, where its performances are held, and member John Lucock says the new site will be "perfect".

Storage manager Scott Millington came forward after the theatre group's plight was reported earlier this month.

The theatre company has been given one of the biggest units on the site for the same rent it paid in Wolverhampton.

The firm has hundreds of units in Netherton, just yards from the arts centre.

Mr Millington said: "I read the article and I hated the thought of them being left with nowhere to keep their props. This isn't a financial thing for us. The theatre group is really important for the community and we wanted to help them."

Fire decision due

A FINAL decision on the site for a new £3 million fire station covering Cradley Heath and Halesowen will be made this month.

Members of West Midlands Fire Authority will rule on four proposed unnamed locations for the station at its annual general meeting – which is being held on June 25.

Crucial work to identify what the response times would be from each of the four sites has started, which was one of the main

issues when closure plans for Halesowen Fire Station were first revealed by bosses.

First engines should attend the scene within around five minutes of a major incident such as a house fire or car crash.

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Officials are looking at access to all four sites and nearby road networks to analyse which offers the best times.

Fire authority member and Halesowen Councillor

Ken Turner said times must be maintained to ensure an "essential" level of service to the public. We don't know what happens until it happens and it is important to be in the right place in readiness to save lives," he said.

"We were assured that the time for first responding crews would be five minutes and second responders within seven minutes and this is a crucial issue."

"I would be most concerned if these were not maintained and if there was any lengthening in the response times."

Friendly rating is a surprise for cyclists

STUNNED cyclists in Dudley have called for more routes after their town was ranked a surprise seventh in a poll of 60 'cycle-friendly' towns and cities.

The town was rated to offer more for two-wheelers than in neighbouring Birmingham, Wolverhampton and Walsall in the new cyclists' survey compiled by finance group Virgin Money.

Factors considered included bike thefts, accidents and serious injuries involving cyclists and availability of cycling routes and repair centres.

Mystified cycling clubs have long campaigned for an improved path network.

Dudley Cyclist Touring Club secre-

tary Graham Fones said: "I am surprised. 'I think much more could be done to help the growing number of cyclists on the town's roads."

"Too many cycle paths are parked on by motorists which mean cyclists have to dangerously swerve on to the road. More segregated cycle paths are needed."

"That and the increased traffic on the town's roads, I don't quite understand how it has been judged 'cycle-friendly'."

Dudley Council spokesman Louise Kavanagh said 17 new routes were introduced in the past two years.

She added a route parallel to the Dudley southern by-pass was planned.

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Ballroom teachers Frank and Peggy Kendrick

AFTER celebrating his 80th birthday last week and having recently recovered from a hip operation, Frank Kendrick would be forgiven for wanting to hang up his dancing shoes.

But the former tool maker from Brierley Hill says he has no plans to pack in the ballroom classes he has been running with his wife Peggy for almost 30 years. "There's no way I would give it up," said Mr Kendrick.

Every week up to 20 people are put through their paces by the devoted couple at Wordsley School.

It was through their shared interest in ballroom Mr and Mrs Kendrick got talking at a dance night in Hereford in 1951 and married three years later. They launched the ballroom class in 1983.

Mr Kendrick developed arthritis last year and had to have an operation in September. Mrs Kendrick, aged 75, said: "He's not the type to give in."

Step back in time to make more of now

YOUNGSTERS can step back in time and meet some of the region's ancestors as part of Dudley Museum's living history day. The popular attraction hosts the event on June 9 from 10am to 4pm featuring craft activities and displays of Dudley through the ages.

Visitors can talk to staff in costume, watch demonstrations and ask questions about life in the past.

There's a chance to meet a knight and try on their armour, while staff are also expecting a visit from a Roman soldier.

Wolverhampton Archaeological Group will also be speaking about the work they have been doing.

All three Dudley Council-run sites, Broadfield House Glass Museum, Dudley Museum and Art Gallery and the Red House Glass Cone are running activities during the Whitsun holiday.

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Plea on theft of mountain bikes

THREE specialist mountain bikes worth thousands of pounds have been stolen from a garage in Stourbridge.

Police are appealing for help tracing the bikes, which were taken from a property in Hungry Hill in Pedmore.

One of the bikes was a four-week-old Van-Nicholas Mistrel with a titanium silver frame, 26in wheels and Fulcrum tyres.

The second was a red and black Giant with a missing saddle.

The third was a grey-coloured Genius with 26in wheels.

They were taken between May 18 and 20. Pcs Robert Wragg said: "These bikes are all quite unusual so it's likely that people would remember them if they had seen them."

Anyone with information call 101.

Benefit con woman is told to repay £18,000 or face prison

A Congolese woman, who was part of a gang that illegally cashed £120,000 in Government cheques in Dudley, will have to pay back £18,000 within six months or face a year's jail. Samu Yagien made £57,000 from her involvement in the scam, which was headed by her husband, Wawe.

The gang forged benefit and tax credit cheques and cashed them at post offices in the UK including Dudley, Blackheath, Wolverhampton, Oldbury and Bromsgrove.

Yagien tried to claim the money she made had come from land she had sold in Africa, the sale of jewellery

left to her by her mother and from her own employment.

But a judge has ruled it was as a result of criminal activity and has ordered her to pay some of it back.

Yagien, aged 42, was convicted of two counts of benefit fraud in 2010 while eight other defendants,

including her husband, were charged with other fraud offences, at proceedings of crime hearing at Birmingham Crown Court was told.

The crimes took place between November 2008 and May 2010. Wawe Yagien was jailed for 38 months. His wife got a 12-

Building starts for new homes

The foundations are being laid for a housing development in Kingswinford.

Eleven homes are being built on land of High Street, overlooking King George VI Park and lake.

The first properties will be completed by August and Selbourne's managing director Gavin Warr said the scheme is already attracting the attention of potential buyers.

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Electric Avenue will have a mix of two, three and four-bedroomed homes.

Raise your glass to a perfect wedding



Newlyweds Jo and John Dearnaley celebrate their marriage with a pint of Nupti-Ale at Envile Brewery

A couple who met through a love of real ale have tied the knot at their favourite brewery.

Jo Keeley and John Dearnaley held their special day at Envile Brewery in Cox Green, where 80 guests packed into a marquee in the yard and supped a special beer, called Nupti-Ale, which was brewed to mark the occasion.

The couple, of Albion Street, Wolverhampton, met after joining the city's branch of the Campaign for Real Ale (Camra). They said they wanted to drink Envile beers at their wedding so they decided to "cut out the middle man" and stage the day at the brewery.

When the couple met, John, now 32, was editing his Camra magazine Beerwolf, while Jo, 30, was the contact for young branch members. She has now gone on to become regional secretary for Camra in the West Midlands.

John, a civil servant, said: "We couldn't have hoped for anything better."

The couple had a low-key ceremony at Wolverhampton Register Office last month, as the brewery does not have a marriage licence, but they say this felt like "the real thing".

Anger over private patient parking perk

Patients paying to be treated privately at Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital will be able to park for free it has emerged - angering union chiefs.

Free car parking is being advertised as one of the incentives of the Care Plus private treatment programme being introduced by the Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust.

Hospital bosses said the cost of courtesy parking for private patients was included in the tariff for treatment.

But Unison regional organiser Tracy Wood said she was "livid" and branded it "unfair" as NHS patients and hospital staff would still have to pay.

It comes after the hospital trust announced a 30 per cent increase in parking charges for staff which saw the monthly cost go up from £15 to a maximum of £19.50.

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Lye

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Wollaston

The Ridge Primary School,
Gregory School, 7.00pm
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07735 364191

Wordsley

Ashwood Park Primary
School, Bells Lane,
5.30pm & 7.00pm
Tel: Ian 01384 827999

Sedgley

Cotwall End School,
Cotwall End Road,
6.00pm
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The Broadway, 7pm
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Curral Road, 7.30pm
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September promise on opening of £6m college

A MULTI-MILLION pound sixth form centre in Dudley will be open in time to welcome hundreds of students this September, college bosses have promised.

More than 500 people have applied to study A-levels at the £6million Dudley Sixth, which will be run by Dudley College in partnership with five town schools.

Although the Priory Road building

looks far from completion, director of estates and capital projects Steve Johnson said it will be open in September.

He said: "The centre has to be open in time for the start of the next academic year and the enrolment of hundreds of new students."

"We have a tight schedule, but I'm confident everything will be ready and in place for teaching. The centre will provide students with a fit-for-purpose, first-class building where they can achieve their learning goals."

The steel structure and stairways are complete and the brickwork is 95 per cent done. A decision earlier to put waterproof wrapping around the building at a cost of £50,000 proved key.

It protected the building and the workers during the wet weather last month, saving four weeks of work.

Mr Johnson said: "We'd wasted the money because of the dry months earlier in the year. Then the rain poured last month and it proved key to keeping the project on time and ready for the students - we're very confident



The group of fundraising students from Halesowen College

Massaging the figures for funds

STUDENTS and staff at Halesowen College have raised around £1,000 for Children with Cancer UK by holding a sponsored wax and helping runners at the London Marathon.

Sports therapy students supported the sponsored wax and also travelled to London to massage the aches and pains of the many runners raising money for the national charity.

The idea came from Charmaine Fagan, a lecturer at the College, who ran the marathon for the charity and raised £600.

Students Sam Round, Kane Thomas, Stephen Devonport, Callum Wooldridge, Oli Timmins, Nathan Cain, Jo Connolly, Liam Beckford, Matt Cuff, Richard Currier and Alex Johnson raised a further £400 from the sponsored wax.

Lecturer Naomi Boswell said: "This was a great opportunity for our students to put their skills to the test while supporting such a good cause."

Ray's race to be at wedding on time



Rosemary and Ray Jones celebrating their anniversary

MARRIED life for Rosemary and Ray Jones got off to a nervous start when the groom was nearly late for the wedding after his taxi failed to turn up.

But a brisk ride on his motorbike ensured he got to Wolverhampton Register Office on time - with his dad, Harry clinging on behind him.

The rest of Mr Jones's family made their way in the taxi when it finally turned up - and they arrived just in time to see the ceremony.

The couple, who now live in Corbys Hall Road, Pensnett, are celebrating their golden wedding anniversary.

They met at Fordham Pressings in Dudley Road, Wolverhampton in 1959, where Mrs Jones was an office junior and her future husband was an apprentice.

After giving birth to twins Andrew and Dawn, now 50, Mrs Jones, 67, became a housewife, while her



Rosemary and Ray on their wedding day

husband, 68 went on to work as an electrician for Kenametal in Kingswinford for 30 years.

They celebrated their anniversary with a party for 120 family and friends at Himley Hall.

Family foundry sees turnover hit £1.5m

A FAMILY business in Lye which supplies tooling to the UK foundry industry has had its best year since the turn of the century. Joint director of HCM Engineering, Simon Hanson, said the Pedmore Road firm's turnover for 2011-2012 had been £1.5 million - its best for 12 years.

"The year has been a very good one. We have seen a 44 per cent increase in sales, seen all our customers get back to order books and profits from before the recession."

"They are all investing in new plant and equipment and have been on intensive recruitment drives. At HCM we have a full order book till the end of the year and have secured some sizeable projects for Jaguar Land Rover who are becoming a major boost to our industry locally."

The firm, which employs 25, was started in 1969 by Mr Hanson's father Ray and is now run by Simon and his brother Michael. "We are continuing to win orders and are now having to be selective," added Mr Hanson.

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Shopping centre's drive-in Grease is one they all want

GREASE was the word for fans of the classic musical who packed into a Black Country shopping centre car park to watch the film on a big screen.

More than 70 vehicles packed on the P2 car park at Dudley's Merry Hill Shopping Centre which was transformed into an American-style movie drive-in yesterday night.

A huge screen was set up projecting the film for fans to watch from the comfort of their own cars.

And to add an authentic touch staff from shops in the centre dressed up as Pink Ladies and T-Birds while carrying trays of cookies, ice cream and popcorn.

Fans piled into their cars to watch the film with the sound broadcast through their car radios on a special frequency. A huge cheer went up across the entire park as the film started at around 9.15am.

Singing

And voices could be heard singing along to the classic songs from the very beginning.

Fans Natalie Roberts, 24, of Sutherland Grove, Perton; Jennifer Thelwell, 23, of The Wheatlands, also Perton; and Becky Smith, 25, of Bellencroft Gardens, were among the first to arrive.

They were given a space next to the screen after winning a competition.

Natalie said: "We are all big fans of the film and have really been looking forward to seeing it on the big screen."

"We thought we would get here early so we could have a bite to eat first and do some shopping. It has been a really great atmosphere."

The event has raised more than £1,200 for the Rollercoasters charity.



Jacky Wright, Lewis Bannister, and Joanne Meakin



Grease is shown in all its glory on a big screen set up on a car park at the Merry Hill shopping centre

Pupils take national Torch prize

STUDENTS have been recognised for their Olympic spirit in Stourbridge after creating their own torch.

Glasshouse College, in Amblecote, became national winners in the Spirit of the Torch competition run by bank Lloyds TSB.

Staff and pupils helped make their own torch using skills they learned while attending classes at the college

in Wollaston Road. The students, who each have varying learning difficulties, created a glass trumpet, the ironwork to hold the glass, fire-coloured glass beads and a flame topping the torch made from felt.

They finished the creation with a handle made out of wood from the college's Kinver woodlands, and a leather wrist-strap was made by stu-

dents in the workshop. It has been specially engraved saying Glasshouse College Olympics 2012.

The students are arranging an Olympics-inspired day of sporting events called the Glasshouse Games on July 11.

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New mayor is welcomed



Out-going Mayor of Dudley, Michael Evans, left with new Mayor Melvyn Mottram and Lady Mayoress Michelle and the plate they were presented with at the Cockle Shell Craft Centre in Stourbridge with Eileen Fielding and staff

THE NEW mayor of Dudley received an extra special welcome from charity volunteers when he took part in his first official engagement.

Councillor Melvyn Mottram was named by Dudley CVS (Council for Voluntary Service) as its volunteering champion for the borough during a whistle-stop tour.

Two charities – Camphill Houses and

the Berith Foundation – were invited by Dudley CVS to welcome the mayor. The trip began with a visit to Ashfield Gardens, a biodynamic organic garden which provides work and training opportunities for local people. The group then sampled freshly baked treats at Berith Bakery, before going to the Cockleshell Gift Shop and Craft Centre in the town centre.

At each stop the new mayor personally thanked volunteers with special

edition Jubilee recognition certificates, before he and former mayor Councillor Michael Evans were presented with hand decorated commemorative plaques. Andy Gray, Dudley CVS chief officer, said: "We have been delighted to team up with Camphill Houses and the Berith Foundation to recognise Councillor Evans's support and to welcome Councillor Mottram as our new volunteering champion for the borough."

Garden tips on offer

GARDEN enthusiasts can pick up some top tips from experts in the coming months at a garden centre near Stourbridge.

The series of talks will cover growing fruit, how to get the best lawn and what bulbs to plant for Spring.

There will take place at Webb's Garden Centre in Kidderminster Road, West Hagley on June 13, July 4, August 29, September 12 and October 17.

Each will cover a different topic. The events start at 6.30pm with tea/coffee and shortbread and last about one hour. To book a place call 01562 700511.

Students' art shown

THE UAL Foundation exhibition will be held at the Art & Design Centre, Venture Way, Brierley Hill, daily between 10.00 am and 5.00 pm (Saturday until 1.00 pm) from Tuesday June 19 until Saturday June 23.

Lynette Cutting, Principal at Stourbridge College, said: "Once again our art and design students have shown outstanding levels of creativity and have again created some fantastic pieces of work which we are proud to show off at our End of Year Shows."

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Little battler Charlie is heading for 1st birthday

A YOUNGSTER born more than 10 weeks premature with a heart murmur has defied the odds and is now preparing to celebrate his first birthday.

Charlie Plant spent the first 13 weeks of his life in an incubator after his mother, Emma, went into labour at just 27 weeks on June 14 last year.

She gave birth to him at home in Brierley Hill as there was no time to get to the hospital and paramedics had to be called right away.

At first Charlie needed help to breathe and was fed by tubes until his last two weeks at Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital.

Bottle

Eventually he was strong enough to be fed by bottle.

The youngster also had to undergo a transfusion after the iron in his blood dropped to a dangerous level.

But despite the tough start, Charlie has battled back and will celebrate his first birthday with proud parents Emma and Jamie and siblings Jack, aged 11, and seven-year-old Harry.

Emma said: "He has really made progress over the past year. It has been extraordinary."

"Charlie has proved himself a real fighter again and again."

"We are so proud of what he has already come through and so happy to be celebrating his first birthday."

Church will hold open day

HIMLEY Church will be holding an open day on Saturday June 16th.

It will be open to visitors who will be able to listen to music, enjoy homemade cakes and refreshments and browse among stalls and competitions in the grounds from 11am to 4pm. In addition the Dudley family Memory Garden, by the church will be open by kind permission of the Earl of Dudley.



Charlie Plant getting ready to celebrate his first birthday with parents Emma Powers and Jamie Plant



Charlie not long after he was born prematurely

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The last chance saloon for working men's club

WORKING men's clubs were once the social fabric of our nation.

In popular sitcoms of the 1970s, characters such as Selwyn Froggitt rarely seemed to be out of them.

Comedians of the time, such as Jim Bowen, Mike Reid and Charlie Williams, built careers out of them.

Today, these great British institutions are disappearing fast. Thirty years ago there were 4,000 clubs dotted around the UK. Now there are 2,000.

"I would say we have lost around 20 per cent of our clubs over the last seven or eight years," says Malcolm Edwards, secretary of the Midland Counties Entertainment Council.

Malcolm, a stalwart of the club circuit, speaks from experience. Brierley Hill Labour Club, where he was a member for 30 years, closed in 2010.

He is now involved with Netherton Sports and Social Club, formerly Netherton Liberal Club.

As the Working Men's Club and Institute Union (CIU) prepares to celebrate its 150th anniversary this year, the number of affiliated clubs in the West Midlands is down to 119, compared to 211 in 1998. Malcolm fears for the future of remaining clubs.

Problems

"I would say in two to three years' time there will be 50 per cent of the clubs in this region," he says bleakly.

Part of the problem is, he says, that teenagers no longer come into the clubs with their parents.

"They don't want social clubs, they want wine bars," he says.

"Our son was brought up with social clubs, but he wouldn't be seen dead in them now. He's 26 now."

Ruth Cherrington, who runs the Clubhistorians.co.uk website, is one of



Members of Wolverhampton's Jones Road Working Men's celebrate the opening of an extension in September, 1977

Once the backbone of our communities, social clubs are increasingly finding they have to adapt or die. **MARK ANDREWS** reports

the generation that grew up with the West Midlands social club scene. "Some of my earliest childhood memories are of being taken to the local working men's club," she says. "We were just an ordinary working-class family, we lived in a council house and there wasn't much room, so it was almost like an extension of our living room."

Ruth, who is writing a book about the history and future of the clubs, agrees getting younger people involved is crucial to their survival.

"The clubs which are doing well are doing things like putting indie music nights on to bring younger people in," she says. "They have to look at doing things like the curry nights they do in Wetherspoons, or Sunday lunches."

Clubs, like pubs, have also suffered

from the smoking ban, rising beer duties, and cut-price competition from supermarkets. But Ruth says another difficulty clubs face is that while they have traditionally been run by members with little business experience, they are increasingly under pressure to operate along commercial lines.

One of the more radical changes in the fight for survival has taken place at Codsall Legionaires Club.

After finding itself in financial difficulties 18 months ago, the club allowed its function room to be turned into a pet shop. Member Glynne Owen already owned a pet shop in the village, and when he wanted to expand, he bought the room from the club.

"It's worked well for everyone," says club president Dicky Bennett.

He says the clubs which do best are the ones located in close-knit communities, with lots of people nearby.

One thing that everyone seems to agree with is our communities will be much the poorer if they lose them.



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Members give hall a party look

Entertaining talk by Black Country poet

WOLLASTON E TOWNSWOMEN

THE May meeting was the 'open evening' so very little of the usual business took place. There were 45 members in attendance and two visitors.

The committee, plus a few members had been busy arranging tables and chairs together with wine and nibbles, giving a party look.

Joining in, by invitation, were members from Federation and neighbouring guilds, namely Norton, Oldswinford, Kingswinford and Grange.

Vice-chairman Hazel Needham gave up-to-date news of long-time member Joan Oakley, who is quite poorly in hospital. All thoughts are with her.

There followed a very popular tombola, together with well stock plant and books stalls.

Afterwards, the club was well entertained by Lisa Smith with old time music hall songs. To make it look authentic, Lisa also dressed in costumes of the particular period. It was described by all as a 'jolly good evening'.

On May 15 the annual dinner took place at Blake-lands, Bobbington where approximately 35 members enjoyed good food, good comradeship and a very good get-together!

The next meeting is June 12 at St James Church Hall, Wollaston at 7.30pm. The competition is an old toy.



David Bartley's talk entertained members

HAWNE "E" TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD

THE chairman welcomed 40 members and three visitors to the last meeting where seven long service awards were presented.

The guild's charity for the coming year is Leukaemia research. Next year the guild may not choose a charity so it can build up its own funds.

The Mayor's Jubilee service is on June 8 at 6pm. A trip to Winterbourne House takes place on July 18. The flower club is celebrating 40 years on June 13.

David Bartley from Tipton entertained with his Black Country poetry and humour.

The sales table was plants, grown by Mollie Greenway's husband and approximately £40 was the result. Next members enjoyed a cup of tea and biscuits and a chat.

The next meeting is on June 18 at the Zion Christian Centre. Members are asked to wear red, white and blue for a Jubilee tea. There will be a quiz and, hopefully, a display of memorabilia.

Chairman presides over quiz

MEMBERS enjoyed a social evening with activities including a quiz, presided over by the chairman and time to visit a well stocked sales table.

A report was given on the recent Federation meeting and their various forthcoming events were mentioned.

A different venue for the annual lunch was ann-

QUARRY BANK TOWNSWOMEN

ounced - this year it is to be at Wharton Park Golf and Country Club on July 30. There will be no speaker this year.

The National General Meeting held at the ICC, Birmingham will be on June

29. Other events include the National lunch and the chairman's 'At Home'.

The social secretary informed the guild that a visit to the Jenny Ring Craft Centre is being arranged for July.

The speaker for the next meeting on June 19 is Ian Bott. His talk entitled, 'Grave Subject'.

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Plumbing students tap into advice from expert



Steve Saunders, senior technical manager at Triton Showers with NVQ Level Plumbing and Heating students

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Steve Saunders said: "As the plumbing industry is so fast moving, it's invaluable for students who are just starting out in their career to keep their finger on the pulse."

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"Through guest lecture sessions and product demonstrations like these we can set future plumbers on the right track, and help them to maintain high standards throughout their careers."

"It was great to give students a chance to familiarise themselves with our latest product ranges and ask any technical questions. We also discussed industry legislation and the various training courses available, which the whole group seemed keen to learn more about."

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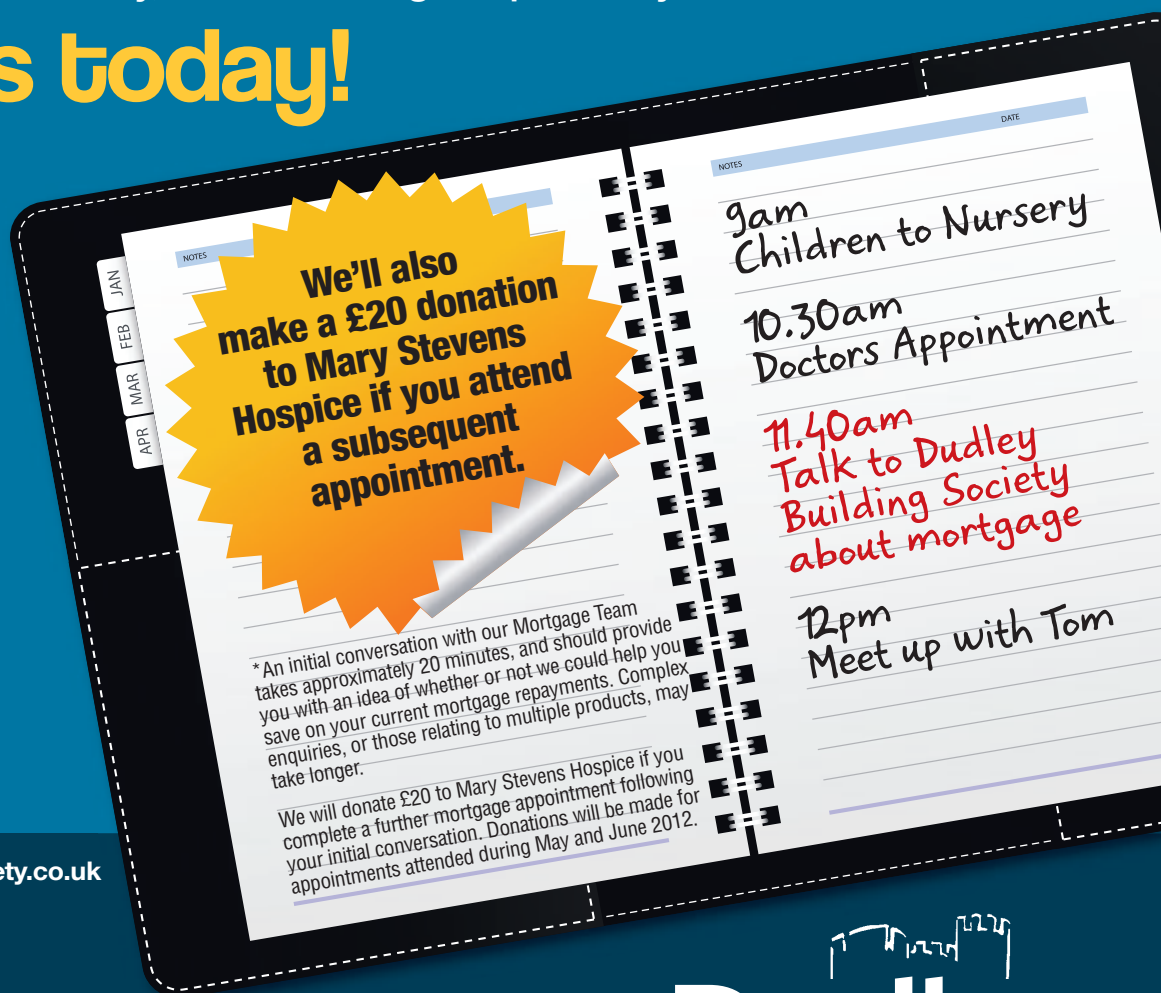
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Sir Elton to play LG Arena 'ROCKET Man', Sir Elton John, is set to land at the LG Arena next week with a special 'one night only' show.

Sir Elton will visit the Birmingham venue on Friday (15) giving fans the chance to see him perform some of his best-loved tracks live on stage. Since bursting onto the scene back in the late 1960s, he has gone on to become one of the biggest acts in pop.

Albums

Along with his long-term lyricist Bernie Taupin, Sir Elton has achieved 35 gold and 25 platinum albums, 29 consecutive Top 40 hits and has sold an amazing 250-million records worldwide.

And joining him at the Brum gig are 2CELLOS. The classically-trained musicians have performed together since January 2011 and in that time have become internet sensations.

They have landed a major record deal and management contract whilst being taken under the wing of Elton John.

Laughter is best medicine when doctor is squeaky Joe

DOCTOR In The House takes to the stage at Wolverhampton Grand from Monday, starring one of Britain's best loved funnymen, Joe Pasquale, and award-winning stage and screen actor Robert Powell, who is still best known for Jesus Of Nazareth.

The farce follows the misadventure of the inexperienced young medical student Simon Sparrow as he begins his five-year internship at St Swithin's Teaching Hospital, where he runs foul of head surgeon Sir Lancelot Spratt.

Books

Stand-up comic Pasquale plays another hapless medic and Powell plays Sir Lancelot.

The original Richard Gordon novel, *Doctor In The House* is one of 12 Doctor books drawing on the writer's own anecdotes from pre-war medical school.

The Doctor In The House film was the hit British movie of 1954.

The show continues at the Grand to June 16.



Robert Powell and Joe Pasquale in *Doctor In The House*, coming to Wolverhampton Grand

Counselling session for Numb comic

Simon Amstell

New Alexandra Theatre, Birmingham
FUNNY man Simon Amstell's routine may be hilarious but is not so much stand-up as lie down and call the counsellor.

He has called this tour Numb, because he says the word describes his suppression and inability to communicate. Cue self-deprecating tales of his relationship with his father, lovers, celebrity friends and world at large.

Some leave you crying with laughter - others with a hope that, at 32, he isn't taking

life as seriously as he suggests. His stories are told with the same natural ease that he brings to his TV roles.

He dealt with interruptions brilliantly, showed excellent timing and even gave us a fresh angle on the humour of over-groomed assistants on make-up counters. It helped compensate for his tendency to be preachy and to lift material from the last episode of his own Grandma's House series the same week that it was aired. Unfortunately,

Sarah Cowen

Susan's dream comes true

I Dreamed A Dream, Birmingham Hippodrome

SUBTITLED The Susan Boyle Musical, this show based on the life story of the Britain's Got Talent singing sensation has a bonus most tributes can't boast - the woman herself waiting in the wings.

The theatre erupted when she stepped out in a shimmering red dress to sing THAT song. Her voiced cracked a little, prompting the 51-year-old Scot to pull an 'oops' face but she nailed it with the big crescendo in the anthemic song from Les Miserables.

A cheeky wiggle and a twinkle in her eye and she asked if we wanted another, following I Dreamed A Dream with the defiant and celebratory Who I Was Born To Be.

Extraordinary

Was the show that preceded this brief but extraordinary performance any good? Yes.

Boyle's wasn't the first standing ovation. Elaine C Smith also had the audience on their feet for her portrayal of the dowdy, unconfident spinster hiding an incredible talent. The Rab C Nesbitt TV actress (Smith played Rab's long-suffering wife Mary) got the blend of timid and feisty right, and it helped that she has a strong singing voice.

Songs from the 1960s and 70s (most covered on Boyle's three albums) sung to a recorded soundtrack charted the story from school bullying for being "different", via fledgling romance crushed by an over-protective father, to a lonely existence after the deaths of her parents. And then looked

at the global stardom brought by Britain's Got Talent and the power of one YouTube clip, enhanced by a set made up of dozens of TVs.

The production, which suggested Boyle wants to be a singer not a celebrity, didn't flinch from insults hurled by bullies, both in the playground and the national press.

The use of songs to illustrate these phases were sometimes inspired. The lyrics of Janis Ian's At Seventeen fit perfectly. The use of Stealers Wheel's Stuck In The Middle With You while she waited in line with TV talent show wannabes was a terrific set piece.

But the show, co-written by Smith with Alan McHugh, often lapsed into clichéd dialogue despite a few sparky lines - like when her singing teacher asked her to try scales and she admitted being "chunky".

I anticipated sentimentality, however, the scenes where her parents' deaths saw them going upstairs to a shining door like taking a staircase to heaven was a bit much.

The audience loved it but I wonder if they would have turned up in such numbers if the woman herself had not been making an appearance.

One thing is clear, Susan Boyle has become an icon for anyone who feels under-rated, excluded, uncool, bypassed or forgotten - and anyone who hopes that dreams can come true.

Leon Burakowski

Nashville's new faces



Lady Antebellum

AMERICAN country music's new generation has embraced pop and won many young fans thanks to Taylor Swift, The Civil Wars and Nashville trio Lady Antebellum.

The latter trio, whose name refers to pre-Civil War America, had UK hits with Need You Now and I Run To You.

Now the Grammy award-winning Charles Kelley, Hillary Scott and Dave Haywood plan a UK tour, including Birmingham's O2 Academy on July 17.

Arena stars

MAJOR new gigs announced for Birmingham's LG Arena include Texan singing sensation Kelly Clarkson, the first winner of American Idol, on October 14; the return of those 'Nuttie Boys' Madness for a festive knees-up on December 13; and, way ahead, Jessie J on March 1, 2013.

The Twang join V bill
BLACK Country band The Twang have been added to the V Festival line up, beside The Killers, Stone Roses and much more in August.

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SATURDAY'S TV 9.06.12

CHOICE



Lee McKenzie

Formula 1: The Canadian Grand Prix – Qualifying Highlights**BBC1, 10.30pm**

Lee McKenzie presents the best of the action, as what has been a thrilling season so far continues with the battle for pole ahead of the seventh round in Montreal. Red Bull's Sebastian Vettel finished ahead of the field to claim his sixth pole position in seven races during the 2011 campaign. Six different drivers have taken the honours in as many Grands Prix at the start of the campaign for the first time in Formula 1 history, and with the likes of Hamilton yet to taste victory, a seventh different winner cannot be ruled out.



Lynda Bellingham

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** Raymond Blanc's Kitchen Secrets. (R) **12.00** BBC News: Regional News. Weather. **12.15** British Olympic Dreams. The progress of global athletes preparing for London 2012. **1.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **2.00** Cash in the Attic. (R) **2.30** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **3.30** Escape to the Country. (R) **4.30** Match of the Day Live: Euro 2012. Netherlands v Denmark (Kick-off 5.00pm).

7.10 BBC News: Regional News; Weather.

7.30 Match of the Day Live: Euro 2012. Germany v Portugal (Kick-off 7.45pm). Gary Lineker presents coverage of the Group B clash at the Arena Lviv in Ukraine, where the sides begin their quests for glory.

10.00 BBC News: Weather.

10.20 The National Lottery Saturday Night Draws. OJ Borg reveals the all-important winning numbers, including the results of the Lotto and Thunderball draws.

10.30 Formula 1: The Canadian Grand Prix – Qualifying Highlights. The Canadian Grand Prix qualifying session. Action from the battle for pole position in the seventh round of the season at the Circuit Gilles Villeneuve in Montreal; National Lottery Update.

11.45 Film: Ransom. (1996) An airline tycoon turns the tables on the criminals who have kidnapped his son by placing a bounty on their heads. Thriller remake, with Mel Gibson, Rene Russo and Gary Sinise.

1.40 Weatherview. **1.45** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **12.15** The Sky at Night. (R) **12.35** Film: Krakatoa, East of Java. (1968) **2.45** Film: Goal! (2005) **4.35** Coast. (R) **5.35** Flog It! (R)

6.35 More Dawn French's Girls Who Do: Comedy. The comedienne talks to Victoria Wood, who reveals her childhood experience of seeing Joyce Grenfell perform and admits that for a long time she could not relax during stand-up. (R)

7.05 Victoria Wood's Short Term Memories. Skits, songs and sketches with the comedienne and friends, including long-time collaborator Julie Walters, plus Della Smith, Jayne Torvill and Christopher Dean. (R)

7.55 Victoria Wood: A Bafta Tribute. Julie Walters, Lenny Henry, Richard E Grant and Jim Broadbent gather for a gala honouring the much-loved entertainer, offering an opportunity to look back over her career. (R)

9.00 Jools Holland: London Calling. The performer embarks on a journey through the streets, landmarks, pubs, music halls and rock 'n' roll venues of London to uncover the history of the city through its songs.

10.15 London Songs at the BBC. A collection of performances from the BBC archives.

11.15 Film: Telstar: The Joe Meek Story. (2009) Premiere. Biopic of the 1960s record producer, starring Con O'Neill.

1.15 Film: Sugarhouse. (2007). Crime thriller, with Steven Mackintosh. **2.40** Close.

ITV1

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. **7.25** CITV. **8.25** Saturday Cookbook. **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. **10.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. **11.20** The Real Housewives of New York City. **12.20** You've Been Framed! (R) **12.50** ITV News: Weather. **1.00** Live French Open Tennis. **4.45** All Star Family Fortunes. (R) **5.30** Regional Programme: Weather. **5.45** ITV News: Weather.

6.00 The Greatest Footie Ads Ever. (R)

7.00 You Cannot Be Serious! Alistair McGowan presents a topical entertainment show mixing clips, sketches and impressions based on the week's biggest and most talked-about sporting events.

7.30 All New You've Been Framed! Comedian Harry Hill narrates a selection of camcorder calamities and viewers' mobile phone footage.

8.00 Agatha Christie's Poirot. A cleaner is found dead in her home and suspicion immediately falls upon her lodger, but Superintendent Spence begins to question the man's guilt. (R)

10.00 ITV News: Weather.

10.15 Euro 2012 Highlights. Netherlands v Denmark and Germany v Portugal. Action from the opening matches in Group B in Ukraine, staged at the MetLife Stadium in Kharkiv and the Arena Lviv respectively.

11.15 William at 30. Prince William's life in the public eye. (R)

12.15 The Store: ITV News Headlines. **2.15** In Plain Sight. (R) **3.00** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

CHANNEL 4

6.05 Sali Mali. (R) **6.10** The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** The Hoobs. (R) **7.00** Volkswagen Racing Cup. **7.25** The Grid. **7.55** The Morning Line. **8.55** T4: Nicki Minaj: Day in the Life. **9.25** T4: Made in Chelsea. **10.35** T4: Love Shift. **11.10** T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.45** T4: Revenge. **12.50** T4: The Simpsons. (R) **1.25** Road to London 2012: That Paralympic Show. **1.55** Channel 4 Racing. **4.15** Channel 4 Presents – Nathan Stephens "Warrior". (R) **4.20** Come Dine with Me. (R) **4.50** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.25** Come Dine with Me. (R) **6.00** Come Dine with Me. Alicia Coppola hosts the penultimate dinner party in Manchester. (R)

6.30 Come Dine with Me. Film student Dennis Keighron-Foster hosts the final dinner party in Manchester. (R)

6.55 Channel 4 News.

7.25 4Thought.tv.

7.30 Film: Definitely, Maybe. (2008) A father on the eve of his divorce tells his daughter about his life before he was married, including how he met her mother. Romantic comedy, with Ryan Reynolds and Abigail Breslin.

9.40 8 Out of 10 Cats Jubilee Special. An edition focusing on the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

10.25 Alan Carr's Summertime Spectacular. With David Walliams, Justin Bieber, the Saturdays, Rizzle Kicks and the cast of Made in Chelsea. (R)

12.35 Stand Up for the Week. (R) **1.20** Film: Bombon el Perro. (2004) **2.55** Southland. **3.35** St Elsewhere. (R) **4.25** Smallville. (R) **5.05** Countdown. (R) **5.50** Glamour Puds. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **10.00** Inside Hollywood. **10.10** Police Interceptors. (R) **11.10** Big Brother: Eviction. (R) **12.10** Film: The Secret Garden. (1993) **2.10** Film: Random Hearts. (1999) Romantic drama, with Harrison Ford and Kristin Scott Thomas. **4.40** Film: Steel Magnolias. (1989) Drama, with Sally Field and Julia Roberts.

6.55 5 News Weekend.

7.00 Cricket on 5. England v West Indies. Highlights of day three of the Third Test at Edgbaston in Birmingham.

8.00 NCIS. The agents learn one of their former investigative assistants has been murdered, and had been selling information about how to rob a warehouse. Crime drama, starring Mark Harmon. (R)

9.00 Law & Order: Special Victims Unit. A teenage girl is hurt in a fall, but doctors discover she is also suffering from injuries sustained in an attack, setting Benson and Stabler off on a search for her assailant.

10.00 Big Brother. Highlights of another 24 hours in the Big Brother house, including coverage of the first eviction as seen from the point of view of the contestants.

11.00 10 Things I Hate About You. Robert Webb narrates an unpleasant trip down memory lane, beginning by recalling the worst music, TV shows, toys, news stories and celebrity moments of 1995. (R)

12.00 SuperCasino. **3.55** Nick's Quest. (R) **4.50** Rough Guide to Short Breaks. (R) **5.00** Hand's Helpline. (R) **5.10** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.35** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.45** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three
7.00 Doctor Who **7.50** Film: Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End (2007). Fantasy adventure sequel, starring Johnny Depp. **10.25** Russell Howard's Good News **11.00** Family Guy **11.45** American Dad!

BBC Four
7.00 Talk of the BBC **8.00** Elegance and Decadence: The Age of the Regency **9.00** Spiral 2: Gangs of Paris **10.45** Timeshift: The Golden Age of Trams – A Streetcar Named Desire **11.45** Wonders of the Solar System

ITV2
5.15 Film: Richie Rich (1994) **7.15** Film: Mr Bean's Holiday (2007) **9.00** Film: The Holiday (2006). Romantic comedy, starring Cameron Diaz and Kate Winslet. **11.45** Britain's Got More Talent: Kids and Pets Unleashed

ITV3
3.55 Murder, She Wrote **5.55** Agatha Christie's Poirot **7.05** Film: The Likely Lads (1976) **9.00** Susan Boyle: An Unlikely Superstar **10.00** Lewis

ITV4
12.30 Live French Open Tennis **7.00** The Motorbike Show **9.00** An Audience with Billy Connolly **10.10** Film: The Krays (1990)

E4
3.40 Charlie's Angels **4.35** Revenge **5.35** How I Met Your Mother **6.35** The Big Bang Theory **8.35** Rules of Engagement **9.10** How I Met Your Mother **9.40** Film: Chain Reaction (1996). Action thriller, starring Keanu Reeves and Rachel Weisz. **11.50** The Big Bang Theory

Film4
3.20 Aliens in the Attic (2009) **5.00** The Simpsons Movie (2007) **6.45** The First Wives Club (1996) **9.00** Star Trek (2009) **11.25** The Hills Have Eyes 2 (2007)

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SUNDAY'S TV 10.06.12

CHOICE



Sheila Ferguson

The Royal History of Pop Channel 4, 10pm

The recent Diamond Jubilee concert, which saw current chart stars like Jessie J, Ed Sheeran and JLS joining knights of the realm Paul McCartney and Cliff Richard to pay tribute to the Queen, may have left some old punks nostalgic for 1977, when the Sex Pistols were advocating Anarchy in the UK and it wasn't cool to cosy up to the establishment. But as this documentary points out, the link between pop and the monarchy dates back long before Gary Barlow was composing songs for Elizabeth II – in fact, the love-hate relationship has existed since the birth of rock'n'roll.



Lynda Bellingham

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** Sunday Morning Live. **11.00** Country Tracks. (R) Weather for the Week Ahead. **12.00** Sunday Politics. **1.00** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.45** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **2.45** Escape to the Country. (R) **3.45** Penguin Island. (R) **4.15** Britain's Lost Routes with Griff Rhys Jones. (R) **5.15** Points of View. **5.30** Songs of Praise.

6.05 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

6.30 Countryfile. The team visits Warwickshire, where Matt Baker brushes up his tractor skills with Shipston-on-Strour Young Farmers, and Ellie Harrison learns the art of side-saddle riding.

7.30 Antiques Roadshow. Fiona Bruce and the team head to Kensington Palace in central London, where members of the public share stories of encounters with the Queen from over the past 60 years.

8.30 The Inspector Lynley Mysteries. The body of Lynley's missing godson is discovered 12 years after he disappeared, and the detective himself becomes a suspect when the boy's sister is found dead. (R)

10.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

10.30 Formula 1: The Canadian Grand Prix – Highlights. The Canadian Grand Prix. Lee McKenzie presents extended highlights of the seventh round of the season at the Circuit Gilles Villeneuve in Montreal.

12.30 Film: Somers Town. (2008) Comedy, with Thomas Turgoose. **1.35** Weatherview. **1.40** Sign Zone: Two Greedy Italians: Still Hungry. (R) **2.40** Holly City. (R) **3.40** Question Time. (R) **4.40** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.30** Great British Menu. (R) **12.30** Film: When Dinosaurs Ruled the Earth. (1970) **2.05** Film: They Came to Cordura. (1959) Military adventure, starring Gary Cooper. **4.05** Great British Railway Journeys. (R) **4.35** Plog It! (R) **5.35** Film: Serendipity. (2001). Romantic drama, starring Kate Beckinsale and John Cusack.

7.00 Oceans. Exploring the world's seas, beginning with the Sea of Cortez off the west coast of Mexico. (R)

8.00 Timewatch – Queen Elizabeth's Lost Guns. Documentary about efforts to retrieve 400-year-old cannons from the seabed off Alderney, and analyse the sunken ship on which they were found, which could rewrite naval history. (R)

9.00 Coast. Exploring the tidal ebb and flow of the seas surrounding Britain, including the rapids off the coast of Anglesey and the marine wildlife visible from Jersey's Seymour Tower.

10.00 Louis Theroux: Twilight of the Porn Stars. Louis revisits the male porn stars he met in LA 15 years ago, finding out where they are now and how the business has been affected by the deluge of free material on the internet.

11.00 Match of the Day: UEFA Euro 2012 Highlights. Republic of Ireland v Croatia and Spain v Italy. Colin Murray presents action from the respective Group C matches at the Municipal Stadium Poznan and the Arena Gdansk in Poland.

12.00 Episodes. (R) **12.30** Film: Deathtrap. (1982) **2.20** BBC News. **4.50** Close.

ITV1

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. **7.25** CITV. **8.25** Dinner Date. **9.25** Ade in Britain. (R) **10.20** May the Best House Win. (R) **11.25** The Hungry Sailors. (R) **12.20** ITV News. Weather. **12.30** You've Been Framed! (R) **1.00** Live French Open Tennis. The men's singles final. John Inverdale presents coverage of the conclusion of the second Grand Slam tournament of the season, staged at Roland Garros in Paris. Coverage continues on ITV4. **4.15** Euro 2012 Live. Spain v Italy (Kick-off 5.00pm). Adrian Chiles presents coverage of the Group C clash at the Arena Gdansk in Poland, where reigning champions Spain get their campaign under way.

7.00 Regional Programme; Weather.

7.05 ITV News; Weather.

7.15 Euro 2012 Live. Republic of Ireland v Croatia (Kick-off 7.45pm). Adrian Chiles presents coverage from the Municipal Stadium Poznan in Poland, where the Group C teams play their opening match.

10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather.

10.15 Film: The Incredible Hulk. (2008) A scientist who turns into a monster when angry is hunted by a general who wants to use him as a weapon. Comic-book adventure, starring Edward Norton and Tim Roth.

12.25 The Store. ITV News Headlines. **2.30** River Monsters. A search for the bull shark in South Africa. Last in the series. (R) **3.20** Motorsport UK: Porsche Carrera Cup and Renault Clio Cup highlights from Donington Park. With commentary by Richard John Neil and Simon Hill. **4.10** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

CHANNEL 4

6.15 The Hoobs. (R) **6.40** Beach Volleyball. **7.35** Freesports on 4. **8.05** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.55** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Frasier. (R) **10.00** Sunday Brunch. **12.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.35** The Simpsons. (R) **2.05** The Simpsons. (R) **2.35** Film: Black Knight. (2001) **4.20** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.25** Deal or No Deal.

6.20 Channel 4 News.

6.50 4thought.tv. A woman who has terminal cancer discusses how her diagnosis prompted her to re-evaluate her life and put her own needs first.

6.55 The Political Slot. Shadow Welsh Secretary Owen Smith MP discusses the effects of government cuts in his Pontypridd constituency.

7.00 One Born Every Minute. A fashion designer who has not attended any antenatal classes has a water birth, while another woman hopes her second experience of labour is easier than the first. (R)

8.00 Film: Dear John. (2010) Premiere. A soldier falls in love with a student, but their relationship is threatened when he decides to return to duty. Romantic drama, with Channing Tatum.

10.00 The Royal History of Pop. The links between the royal family and pop music.

11.05 Film: Aliens. (1986) Sci-fi thriller sequel, starring Sigourney Weaver. **1.55** Camelot. (R) **2.45** Channel 4 Presenters: Liz Johnson 'Might Swimmer'. (R) **2.50** Hollyoaks. (R) **5.05** Deal or No Deal. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Fifi and the Flowertots. (R) **6.25** City of Friends. (R) **6.35** Harry and His Bucket Full of Dinosaurs. (R) **6.50** Castle Farm. (R) **6.55** Abby's Flying Fairy School. **7.05** Roobarb and Custard Top. (R) **7.10** Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **7.25** Family! (R) **7.35** Noddy in Toyland. (R) **7.45** Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) **7.50** Fifi and the Flowertots. (R) **8.05** Milkshake! Monkey. (R) **8.10** Little Princess. (R) **8.20** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.30** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **8.45** Rupert Bear. (R) **8.55** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.10** The Mr Men Show. (R) **9.25** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **9.35** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **10.00** Zoo Days. (R) **10.15** The Amy Macdonald Story. **10.45** Grey's Anatomy. (R) **11.45** Big Brother. (R) **12.45** Film: Jackie Chan's First Strike. (1996) **2.25** Film: The Golden Voyage of Sinbad. (1974) **4.30** Film: Hitch. (2005)

6.55 5 News Weekend.

7.00 Cricket on 5. England v West Indies. Mark Nicholas presents highlights of the fourth day of the Third Test at Edgbaston in Birmingham, where the sides play the final match of the series.

8.00 Once Upon a Time.

9.00 Big Brother.

10.00 Film: The Pursuit of Happiness. (2006) Fact-based drama, starring Will Smith.

12.20 Extraordinary People: Seven New Faces in Seven Days. (R) **1.20** SuperCasino. **4.00** The FBI Files. (R) **4.50** Rough Guide to Journeys. (R) **5.00** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.10** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.35** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.45** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

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BBC Three

7.00 Wallace & Gromit's Cracking Contraptions. **7.10** Wallace & Gromit: The Wrong Trousers. **7.40** Film: Madagascar (2005) **9.00** Live at the Apollo. **10.00** Family Guy. **10.45** American Dad! **11.30** Russell Howard's Good News

BBC Four

7.00 Behind the Scenes at the Museum. **8.00** Timeshift: All the Fun of the Fair. **9.00** Nina Conti – A Ventriiloquist's Story: Her Master's Voice. **10.00** The Secret Life of Bob Monkhouse. **11.30** Frank Skinner on George Formby

ITV2

2.45 Film: A Little Princess (1995) **4.40** Film: Nanny McPhee (2005) **6.45** Film: E.T.: The Extra-Terrestrial (1982) **9.00** Benidorm. **10.00** Mark Wright's Hollywood Nights. **11.00** The Exclusives

ITV3

3.00 Murder, She Wrote. **4.00** Rosemary & Thyme. **6.00** Lewis. **8.00** Midsomer Murders. **10.05** Wycliffe. **11.15** Cracker

ITV4

11.30 British Touring Car Championship. **4.00** Live French Open Tennis. **8.00** British Touring Car Championship Highlights. **10.00** Eurogoddon: Why England Shouldn't Win Euro 2012. **11.00** Film: Scarface (1983)

E4

3.10 Glee. **4.25** 90210. **5.20** The Big Bang Theory. **6.15** Revenge. **7.15** Film: Honey, I Blew Up the Kid (1992). Comedy, with Rick Moranis. **9.00** Desperate Housewives. **11.00** 2 Broke Girls. **11.30** Don't Trust the B**** in Apartment 23

Film4

3.15 Inspector Gadget (1999) **4.50** Ladyhawke (1985) **7.20** Hot Shots! Part Deux (1983) **9.00** Premonition the Racing Car. (R)

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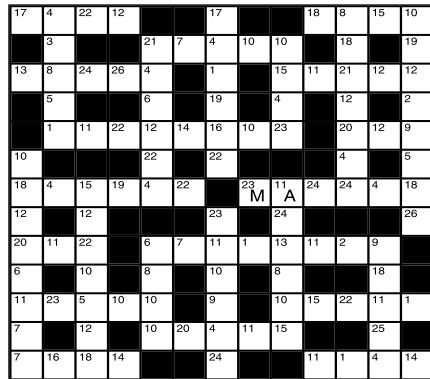
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Brain Gym

No.172

Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

1	U	K	N	W	R	D	H	S	O	Z	J	B	Y
14	Q	E	X	I	G	V	F	L	A	C	P	T	M

Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

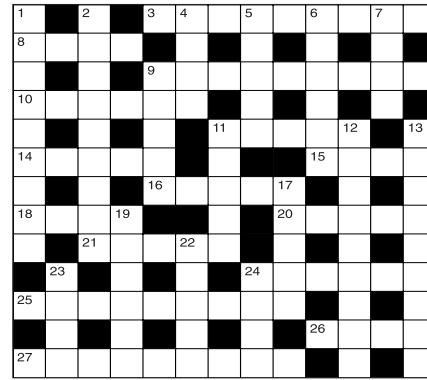
Cryptic Clues:

Across

3. With assurance, indeed (9)
8. Well-produced paintings? (4)
9. A reckoning that comes to nothing (5,4)
10. Revolutionary type of public legislation (3,3)
11. We hope the list includes her (5)
14. To be so, use some shorter sentences (5)
15. Sweet tryst? (4)
16. It's the last in the home games (5)
18. Satisfies a consuming passion (4)
20. Strong drink? (5)
21. Gets saner, perhaps (5)
24. Scarcity of thread, possibly (6)
25. Just the type to make a good look-out? (9)
26. Peruvian began incautiously (4)
27. They may be suspended from the works - on account of timekeeping? (9)

Down

1. Did something and was sent to prison (9)
2. Complicated tale a bore will add even more detail to (9)
4. It was enough for our ancestors (4)
5. It may be held up or down (5)
6. 3 Across in action (6)
7. Type of linen one may walk on (4)
9. Came to nothing artistically (5)
11. Vessels were wrecked on the point (5)
12. I rub along, somehow, working hard (9)
13. Proceeded -- to take the lead? (4,5)
17. A fool, and French, but worth having (5)
19. Finally massacred something holy (6)
22. Entertainment of a new kind? (5)
23. A centre of revolution (4)
24. This Major is an N.C.O. (4)



Quick Clues:

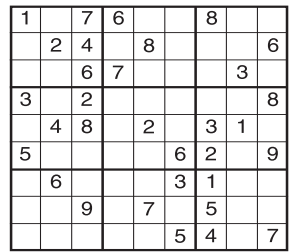
Across

3. Try (9)
8. Plunder (4)
9. Rectory (9)
10. Secret (6)
11. Church council (5)
14. Couch (5)
15. Split (4)
16. Flagrant (5)
18. Rip (4)
20. Commerce (5)
21. Dog-lead (5)
24. Apart from (6)
25. Two-sided (9)
26. Chief (4)
27. Unfruitfulness (9)

Down

1. Make clear (9)
2. Jolly (9)
4. Trim (4)
5. Written composition (5)
6. Seller (6)
7. Impel (4)
9. Time (5)
11. Laziness (5)
12. Denial (9)
13. Servant (9)
17. Harden (5)
19. Mend (6)
22. Pilfer (5)
23. Elevate (4)
24. Allurement (4)

Sudoku



Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

8	3	9	2	1	6	5	4	7
5	4	6	3	7	9	2	8	1
1	2	7	8	5	4	6	3	9
2	1	8	4	3	7	9	5	6
7	6	3	5	9	8	1	2	4
9	5	4	1	6	2	3	7	8
3	9	5	7	4	1	8	6	2
6	7	2	9	8	5	4	1	3
4	8	1	6	2	3	7	9	5

LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS:
 CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Dace; 3 Prompter; 8 Erne; 9 Obedient; 11 Sheet of flame; 13 Relays; 14 Creche; 17 Putting it off; 20 Outdoors; 21 Asia; 22 Relieved; 23 Isle. Down: 1 Dressers; 2 Contagion; 4 Rebuff; 5 Model train; 6 Therm; 7 Rite; 10 Stay-at-home; 12 Selfsame; 15 Crosses; 16 Untrue; 18 Until; 19 Moor. QUICK - Across: 1 Bide; 3 Prepared; 8 Dash; 9 Estrange; 11 Proclamation; 13 Sedate; 14 Tomato; 17 Telegraphist; 20 Crippled; 21 Rate; 22 Designer; 23 Less. Down: 1 Budapest; 2 Discard; 4 Resume; 5 Paratroops; 6 Rondo; 7 Dies; 10 Clothes peg; 12 Fortress; 15 Agitate; 16 Grieve; 18 Edits; 19 Acid.
 LAST WEEK'S CIRCLEGRAM SOLUTION:
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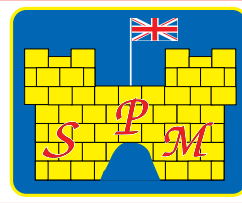
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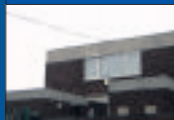


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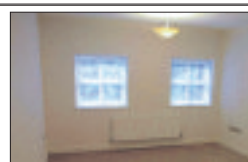
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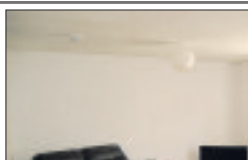
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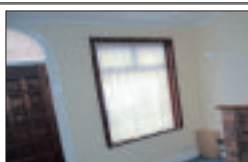
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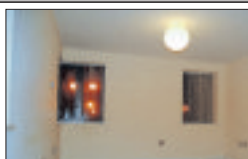
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CRADLEY ROAD NETHERTON

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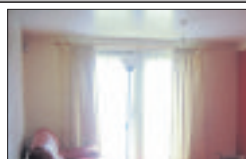
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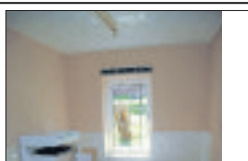
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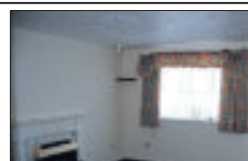
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LOUISE 35, dark hair, blue eyes, attractive ex air hostess, looking for fun with older male for romantic nights in and more. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 381341 ☺

RACHAEL 49yrs young slim, caring, sincere and fun loving, WLTM similar male with GSOH for mutual companionship, perhaps more. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 381343 ☺

SALLY blonde looking for fun and mutually attentive relationship with male 35 plus. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 385599 ☺

CATHY good looking brunette with a real passion for life, seeking male for happy times, dates, chats, romance and more. Pls call. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 385603 ☺

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NIKKI 35yr old petite brunette, loves foreign travel, meals out, seeking mature male for fun friendship, maybe leading to more. ACA. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 390063 ☺

GENUINE female, 36, brunette, blue eyes, 5ft 7ins, fun, outgoing, adventurous, GSOH, looking for tall, honest, genuine male for good companionship, dates and romance. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 388327 ☺

LOVING caring young 67yr old female, 5ft 2ins, slim size 12, brown hair, likes meals out, GSOH, smoker, seeks slim, smart male with GSOH, 58-62. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 364651 ☺

WIDOW seeking similar aged male to share holidays and weekends out. Car owner preferred. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 389795 ☺

33YR old black haired, medium built, 5ft 3ins female seeking soul mate. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 389799

NATALIE 30, attractive, size 12, black, seeking male for romantic fun. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 387753 ☺

NICKY looking for attractive male 48-55yrs for fun, good times and relationship. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 388393

35YR old female, seeks intelligent, down to earth male, 50-75 for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 388297 ☺

EMALE looking for gent, 65-70, caring, loving and independent. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 378295

50YR old female, seeks male for fun and socialising. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 233580

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LADY widow, 58, slim, brown hair, blue eyes, seeks smart, intelligent, easygoing man with GSOH who enjoys conversations, days out, short breaks, meals out. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 387247

SLIM 32yr old blonde, kind, caring, good listener, honest, likes to have fun, seeks male. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 393733 ☺

WIDOW 70, genuine, kind, caring, laidback, seeking male for friendship. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 387013

EASYGOING down to earth female, likes cooking, exploring new things in life, seeks male. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 386893 ☺

ELAINE kind, romantic, loving 43, seeks genuine male for relationship. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 374845

SLIM professional, attractive, amiable lady, seeks genuine, articulate, professional gent, 55 plus with GSOH, who enjoys the good things in life. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 386615 ☺

WIDOW genuine, 70, kind, caring, N/S, seeks male for friendship, relationship, holidays and outings. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 303133

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LOUISA looking for lovely, young male, 20-30's, easygoing for fun. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 380469

SINGLE MEN

BLACK male, 42, 5ft 7ins, average build, GSOH, seeks nice looking, slim-medium build female, 30-40 with GSOH for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 386347

YOUNG at heart, professional, N/S male, 50, fit, sporty, likes DIY, outdoors, seeks similar female, 44-54 for LTR. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 365972 ☺

PAUL 49, N/S, likes good things in life, seeks genuine, caring, honest lady, 38-50 for friendship/relationship. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 388188

KARL 40, fun loving, caring, seeks female for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 389662 ☺

41YR old male, 6ft, dark hair, likes cosy nights in and good times out, seeks female to share good times with, maybe more. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 369663 ☺

MALE 49, sensitive, caring, warm, body builder, seeks slim, attractive, genuine soul mate in the local area. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 368717 ☺

DARREN 42, likes pubs, clubs, drives, meals out, motocross, seeks female, 28-35. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 389127

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DARREN 33, 6ft 3ins, seeks honest, trustworthy, caring female for friendship and romance. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 378887 ☺

PAUL 54, tall, attractive, seeks older mature female for fun. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 382641

MARK 49, affectionate, easygoing, caring, fun loving, seeking similar female. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 373223

MALE 58, 5ft 8ins, medium build, short hair, GSOH, seeks female, 50-60 to share happiness and life with. Tipton. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 370649 ☺

GOOD looking gent, affluent, attractive, easygoing, seeks attractive female for days on the beach. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 390807

43YR old male, looking for female to share time with, meals out, socialising and romance. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 390791 ☺

JOE 45, attractive, GSOH, medical professional, seeks open-minded female, 18-60 for fun and friendship. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 390523

ROMANTIC white male, 46, 5ft 11ins, likes meals out, cinema, seeks female for good times. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 388185

IAN 61, seeks attractive lady for daytime fun. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 390695

54YR old male, 5ft 11ins, short hair, honest, seeks female for fun and TLC. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 390624

HONEST male 51, blue eyes, likes clubs, nights in/out, seeks loving female. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 309479

HANDSOME attractive, fit, professional trucker, 38, WLTM attractive, honest, caring lady/mum, 31-45 for LTR. Colour unimportant. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 219790 ☺

6FT 2ins male, blue eyes, short hair, seeks loyal, honest female. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 309017

BRIAN 60's, likes music, sport, seeks similar lady for friendship, occasional evenings/weekends together. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 389011 ☺

MALE 51, 6ft 2ins, honest, loyal, seeks female for friendship, relationship and romance. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 308785

ANDY 45, hurt in past, seeks female for fun. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 390467 ☺

MALE 55, single, N/S, 5ft 6ins, medium build, easygoing, seeks female, 40 plus for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 389975 ☺

SHY male, 45, seeking strong lady, any age. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 390413 ☺

GENUINE male, 54, own home, seeks female, any age for fun. Wolverhampton. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 368871 ☺

PAUL 60, medium build, fit, virile with strong needs, WLTM West Midlands lady for regular mutual pleasure. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 374821

SFT 6ins male, blue eyes, black hair, likes holidays, GSOH, seeks Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 369705 ☺

MALE likes walks, countryside, seaside, nights in/out, seeks sensible, likeminded female. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 311555

SPORTY good looking guy, 37, OHAC, good guy, likes meals out, pubs, cinema, nights in, seeks attractive female, 27-42. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 364633 ☺

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BLACK male, early 50's, seeking genuine, caring lady for LTR. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 390115

UNREMARKABLE guy 49, complete misery with no sense of humour, seeks similar lady to share in misery and more. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 390111 ☺

REASONABLE looking guy 48, tall, kind, considerate, GSOH, seeks lady for fun and friendship. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 389837 ☺

MALE 45, 5ft 7ins, medium build, short hair, N/S, no ties, honest, likes sports, cinema, countryside, DIY, seeks female, 20-60 for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 332453

TALL handsome male, 41, GSOH, likes romantic days/nights in/out, WLTM attractive, down to earth, young lady, 35-55, size unimportant. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 346611 ☺

MALE 46, medium build, short hair, N/S, lonely, no lies, hurt in past, varied interests, sports, DIY, seeks female, 21-65. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 385783

GAY SINGLES

MALE 34, attractive, 5ft 10ins, blue eyes, blond hair, seeks slim male for fun relationship. Any area, can travel. Tel No: 0907 004 4

City is revving up to mark link with motoring history

COVENTRY'S connections with the motor trade will be the focus of celebrations this weekend when the city's university hosts Coventry Car Day.

The event, on Saturday June 9, is free for all visitors, and is a celebration of past, present and future cars in Coventry.

It will be held in University Square, near Coventry Cathedral, and the new Hub student building.

Coventry University will be showing over 70 veteran and vintage cars, classics, current production cars, concepts, race cars and many more.

Among the extensive array on display will be a rather special Aston Martin DB7 Vantage as well as the Coventry Transport Museum's own Alvis Speed 25 and British-built, electric vehicle The Lightning GT.

Other makes include Peugeot, Jaguar, Ferrari, Mercedes Benz and Triumph.

Coventry Car Day is proud to be celebrating cars from one end of the scale to the other starting with the Ford Evos concept car, with its futuristic gull-wing doors, which will make its UK public debut in Coventry following its starring appearance in the Frankfurt show in 2011, to the Ford Model T.

Influential

The charming 101-year old Ford is owned by local enthusiast Nigel Hugo and the model is often regarded as the most influential car of the 20th century.

The cars are not the only attraction. A symposium, held between 9am and 1pm, will feature academic and industry speakers debating the future of the car.

Thanks to Peugeot's support of the event the symposium will be free for all visitors, however numbers are limited and so online registration is essential.

Those wishing to attend this debate can register at eventsforce.net.

For those who want to take their passion for motor vehicles further, an informative careers event will take place between 11am and 2pm, attended by automotive employers and organ-



Cars old and new will be on display in historic Coventry

isations, such as Land Rover, Nissan and the Guild of Motoring Writers.

Coventry University's own careers and employability team will join these industry professionals.

Other highlights of the day are Sir Nick Scheele's annual Bugatti Lecture, which will concern the

British Motor industry over the years and its future prospects, beginning at 1.30pm, and a Car Question Time, held between 3 and 4pm, chaired by Autocar's Steve Cropley.

Visitors are, advised to register to attend these events at Coventry.ac.uk/Coventrycarday.

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Teenager halts the collapse for Stour

Stourbridge 150-9
Old Elizabethans 152-6
OE won by four wickets

HOME skipper Dave Truby's decision to put Stourbridge seconds in paid off handsomely.

Stourbridge were restricted to 150-9 off 50 overs with wicketkeeper Eddie Firth, batting at No 8, scoring 37 to give some respectability to the total.

Middle-order youngster Jack Woodward showed his senior team-mates how to survive the tough conditions and made 23. Kevin Gwynne took 5-39.

Old Elizabethans went past the Stourbridge score in the 45th over with six wickets down. Openers Nick Brown (21) and Jack Taylor (29) gave their side a safe start with support from Will French (25) and Alex Bastable (28). Spinner Feraz Irfan's 3-38 could not prevent a third defeat of the season.

Canon Frome 228
Stourbridge 179-9
Draw

Stourbridge thirds skipper Keith Lister put the visitors in, hoping for a low-scoring match. But despite three wickets apiece for Alex Watts and Chris Norgrove, Canon Frome got well past the 200 mark thanks in part to Steve Wilson (40) and Adam Hope (35).

Stour were given a sound foundation by the openers Norgrove (24) and Areeb Mohammad (30).

The good work continued from Will Jennings (25), Lawson Bliss (53) and Steve Colesby (23).

But a lower-order collapse prevented Stourbridge reaching their target.

Canon Frome failed to take the final Stour wicket but took the winning draw.

Old Hill 215-6
Stourbridge 187-4
Draw

Old Hill, put in, compiled 215-6 with opener Izmah Khan making 61 and backed by lower order batsman John Preece (46). In reply, Stourbridge opener Parkhan Ul Haque posted his best score of the season. He carried his bat for 76 not out.

A worrying collapse by Stour was halted by 15-year-old Tom Jennings who played a mature innings of 42 not out.

Jennings and Ul Haque stopped the tumble of wickets turning into outright defeat. Old Hill used seven bowlers in a bid to prise out the pair and get at the tail, but could not do so.

Nomads find their way back to summit

Worcestershire Cricket League

DESPITE pockets of rain it was a good day for cricket with some tight finishes, *writes Chris Marsh.*

Division One firsts have new leaders with Nomads back on top for the first time since week two.

Last week's hero Liam O'Driscoll continued his fine form with 8-32 to finish on the winning side at home to bottom side Worcester.

After scoring 307 the previous week, Worcester were bundled out for just 77 in 28 overs. However, behind Nomads came three sides all within four points after Per-

shire beat Droitwich to go second and Astwood Bank won a thriller by two wickets at home to previous leaders Oldswinford, thanks to seven wickets from Jonny Summers and despite a century from Christy Kehoe.

Nomads now have 97 points, Pershore 95, Bank and Droitwich 93 and Oldswinford 82.

Elsewhere, Bromyard in sixth were becalmed after rain drove them in against Pedmore following 19 overs; Redditch thrashed sorry Colwall and Coombs Wood had a

high-scoring draw at Hagley with Dan Jones making a second successive century.

This week, Astwood Bank must go to Droitwich and Nomads have a tricky match at Oldswinford whilst Pershore travel to local rivals Redditch.

In **Division Two**, there was no change in leadership as Stourport annihilated Romsley by 199 runs with Andy Siwicki making 163 and Christian Parry 103. Burghill climbed to second by also recording a big win, this time over

Worcester Dominies and Belbroughton have overtaken both Bewdley, who lost at Enville, and Dominies thanks to Chris Amundsen's seven wickets at Netherton.

In mid-table, Alvechurch beat Feckenham by five runs and Rushwick overcame basement side Wormelow. So at the top, Stourport have 124pts, Burghill 107 and both Belbroughton and Bewdley have 100.

Division Three's leaders Tenbury were held to a draw and were hanging on at the end at lowly Chaddesley, despite 98 not out from Tom Rawlings. However,

this division has also tightened up as Cookley were beaten in a close game by Alveley and so Tenbury have stretched their lead to 13 points over Cookley who are now three ahead of Harvington - winners at Kidderminster - with Alveley five further back.

Division Four leaders Avoncroft lost at home to Lye who stand third and so it was Ross on Wye who took over at the summit with a two-wicket win at home to Old Hill.

Division Five has new leaders in Astwood Bank, 14 points ahead of Claverley.

Century maintains top table position

Worcestershire Cricket League

HAGLEY stayed top of Division One seconds after they beat Coombs Wood thanks to 100 from Darren Andrews.

Nomads climbed to second, beating Bewdley with 93 not out from Malcolm Jones.

Astwood Bank dropped to third as they could only manage a winning draw at Oldswinford while Coombs Wood are fourth.

For Droitwich, firsts skipper Martin Davies, returning from injury, smacked Rushwick's attack for 125 not out from his side's 156-1 to win the match with 20 overs remaining.

Division Two leaders Cookley lost to Dominies who cut their lead to 20 points. Enville went third after a win at Worcester.

In **Division Three**, Tenbury slipped up and surrendered the lead to Stourbridge Social by getting only two points in a losing draw at home to Chaddesley Corbett for whom Nigel Middleton scored a century and took four wickets.

Clear

Social beat Birlingham to go a point clear at the top and Romsley moved into third spot after Himbleton conceded. In mid-table Chris Walwyn made 146 not out for Malvern.

Division Four leaders Lye won at home to Avoncroft to head Halesowen, who had a draw with Barnet Green, by 18 points.

Division Five had three wins and one draw and so Old Hill, who drew with Stourbridge, saw their lead reduced a little by OEs.

In the one-team section, Netherton now lead by 43 points in **Division Six** by thrashing Ombersley.

Division Seven leaders Belbroughton slipped to third after losing at Kempsey which enabled Stourport, comfortable winners at Rushwick, to go top ahead of Oldswinford who beat Enville.

Division Eight saw a third successive win for Droitwich. Worcester beat Pedmore. At Droitwich, Alan Ridgway took 7-18.

Division Nine new-boys Bredon thirds made a second successive score in excess of 300 and Alex Antonelli hit 151 as his side meted out a drubbing to Bromyard thirds.

Last-gasp victories put club into league final

STOURBRIDGE swimmers took two last-gasp victories to send their club into the final of the Ross League.

With just the final two relays to be swum at Worcester, Stourbridge were level on points with Redditch. But the boys and girls canon relay squads each won their event to give Stourbridge victory on the day and a place in the final.

Thirty Stourbridge Swimming Club members took part in the final league round. The Ross League has an interesting format - if you swim too fast you get a 'speeding ticket', and no points. Team selection is, therefore, vital.

Half way through the gala Stourbridge were in second place and trailing Redditch by 10 points.

After 58 events Stourbridge had pulled level and it was all on the canons where 10 swimmers, two from each age group, step up for a fast and furious freestyle relay.

The boys went off first and the lead see-sawed between Stourbridge and Redditch.

But in a nail-biting finish the Stourbridge team of Ben Watkins, Jake Morris, Jon Baker, Jake Buswell, Tom Parker, Bryn Griffiths, Jamie Bradley, Euan Coxon, Matt McCallum and Joe Hamilton snatched the victory to give Stourbridge a slender one-point lead going into the last race.

So it was all down to the girls' canon team of Izzy Cashmore, Natasha Corbett, Phoebe Sutton, Louise Westwood, Chloe Chapman, Olivia Westwood, Charlotte Debney, Geena Hill, Jade Shepherd and Amelia Faulkner.

The starter's gun fired and the girls powered through every leg of the relay with victory never looking in doubt.

The came home with a six-

Stourbridge Swimming Club

second winning margin. The race secured the gala win and a place in the Ross Final.

Swimmer of the night was given to Izzy Cashmore who won both her individual swims, swimming above her age in one event and still taking top honours.

Individual wins came from Natasha Corbett, Geena Hill, Lewis Bladen, Jamie Bradley, Morgan Allin, Amelia Faulkner and Jade Shepherd.

Picking up 'speeding tickets', and as a result personal best times, were Geena Hill, Kelsey Dimmock and Joe Hamilton who took five seconds off his previous best.

Team manager Julie Hill said: "Speeding tickets are interesting - it means we don't get any points, but for the individual swimmers it's fantastic because they have gone faster than ever. I'm chuffed for them."

There was a clean sweep in the relays for the 13-14 and 11-year-old boys and girls, winning both their medley and freestyle team

events. These swimmers - McCallum, Parker, Hamilton, Buswell, Shepherd, Faulkner, Chapman, Rhianon Cutler, Coxon, Lewis Mannion, Baker, Bradley, Sutton, Debney, Hill took maximum points from the four events.

Team top honours also went to the 10s freestyle team (Tom Davidson, Lewis Bladen, Bradley and Morris); the girls 12 medley swimmers (Kelsey Dimmock, Westwood, Hill and Shepherd); and the 12s freestyle (Buswell, Luke Willetts, Mannion and McCallum).

Hill added: "It has been a pleasure to be team manager with these swimmers."

"Every one of them did a sterling job in putting us into a fantastic position going into the final."

Stourbridge Swimming Club are on the lookout for new members aged six and over.

Contact head coach Stew Nicklin on 07834 689178 or through the website www.stourswim.co.uk

The Bull set to rage again on screen

JAKE LaMOTTA insists his life story will again be immortalised on the silver screen.

The 90-year-old, world champion from 1949-51, confirmed a second film is being made about his life.

He revealed the plan at a sportsman's dinner at the Mount Hotel, Tettenhall, Wolverhampton.

The news came 32 years after *Raging Bull* - starring Robert De Niro as LaMotta and directed by Martin Scorsese - dominated the 1980 Academy Awards.

The sequel - with William Forsythe set to star as LaMotta both before and after his pro boxing career - comes hot on the heels of a documentary called *Moving Ahead*.

LaMotta said: "Raging Bull Two is coming out and it's going to talk about my early age in boxing."

"But there's going to be a documentary coming out right before that, it's in the works. Two more beautiful things are going to happen in my life and I don't know if I deserve it, or do I? I have spoken to William Forsythe and I think he will do a good job."

"I am curious to see how it's going to come out. Robert was a great actor and, by the time I got done with him, he could have fought professionally. That's how good he was, he was fantastic. In the beginning,



Former boxer Jake LaMotta relaxes at the Mount

when we were sparring, he was afraid to hit me. I said to him: 'You can hit me all you want, because you are not going to hurt me.' The film was nominated for eight Academy awards and landed De Niro an Oscar for Best Actor. "I wanted to play myself in the movie but the producer said I wasn't the type!" said La Motta.

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Winning draw sees Hussein claim five

HIMLEY secured a winning draw against Shrewsbury in the Birmingham League Premier Division. Chris Tranter (65) and Greg Wright (64) were among the runs in a total of 238-6. Ashfaq Hussein (5-29) impressed with the ball but Shrewsbury (123-9) held on. Marc Edwards (93) and Neil Pinner (73) saw Kidderminster Vics to 258-5 and a winning draw against Knowle & Dorridge (204-7). Ed Denham (4-23) and Dave Hemming (4-11) starred as First Division leaders Wombourne rolled Old Hill out for 98 on their way to a six-wicket success.

Mohammed Shoaib (58) and Shafiq Ahmed (49) helped Halesowen total 237-7 in their Division Two draw with Water Orton (244-9).

In the Premier, Christian Jonker led leaders Walsall to a fifth straight win. The South African plundered an unbeaten 132 as Walsall cantered to a nine-wicket success at Wellington.

Replying to the home side's 193, he made short work of the chase with 13 fours and six sixes in his 90-ball knock. Ben McFarlane had bagged 3-41 for Walsall. Wolverhampton's early-season charge has been checked with a second successive defeat. They were rolled over for 93 in a five-wicket loss to Berkswell.

West Brom Dartmouth came out on the wrong end of a thriller with Barnt Green at Sandwell Park. Green clinched a five-run win from the last ball when Imran Khan was caught attempting a six for victory.

Setting sail to take up new hobby

ANYONE inspired by the Queen's Diamond Jubilee pageant on the River Thames can take to the water themselves shortly – for free.

Himley Hall Sailing Club is holding a free taster day on Saturday, June 23.

Experienced members of the sailing club will take the general public to have a go on Himley Lake.

The club will provide all the equipment and the safety boat. Places need to be booked in advance.

For further details, visit the club's website www.himleyhallsc.org.uk or call Tony Sutton on 01384 271447.

Stour skittled for 93 to lose top spot

Oswestry (24pts) 164, Stourbridge (4pts) 93.
Oswestry won by 71 runs

STOURBRIDGE suffered their first loss of the season, topping them off the summit of Division Three of the Birmingham League.

The 71-run defeat came in spite of a spirited performance from the Stour boys in a game curtailed to 42 overs per side due to overnight rain. Oswestry skipper Mark Robinson won the toss and threw down the gauntlet by electing to bat first.

His decision came despite overhead dark clouds and dampness in the air and was a clear indicator that he was chasing the elusive 24-point victory. It was a decision that could have backfired. Stourbridge

Stourbridge CC

wrapped up the Oswestry innings for 164 in 40 overs. Opener Warwick Fynn, who top-scored with 47, made life difficult for the Stour new ball attack of Matt Bradley and Jitesh Patel.

A change to the pace attack brought dividends for Stourbridge. Dave Jones had Joe Carrasco caught in the slips for 16 and James Winders took care of the dangerous left-hander Fynn, tempting him outside the off stump and wicketkeeper Greg Jones making no mistake. Winders struck again to have Alex Huxley caught for two. Jonathan Miles and Peter Holloway halted the run of

wickets by putting on 36. Winders ended Holloway's aggressive knock of 24 by having him caught behind. Oswestry then lost two quick wickets: Jones had Miles caught for 27 and then bowled skipper Mark Robinson for a duck.

Winders and Matt Bradley returning for his second spell, wrapped up the tail although Dean Suter's 15 took the opposition score past the 150 mark. Winders finished with 5-44 and Jones 3-23.

Stour made a dreadful start to their reply. Alex Bingham, Josh Banks and skipper Richard Bradley were swiftly back in the pavilion as Stour were reduced to 44-5. Their tormentor was Oswestry paceman

and former MCC star Miles. Resistance came from Andy Alexander, but his attempt to dominate Miles ended on 26 caught at slip. Steve Game and Greg Jones kept hopes alive as Miles finished with 5-38.

But Jones popped up an easy catch off spinner Mark Robinson and was out for 28.

Game watched the mayhem as Stour's tail surrendered to the spinners; the final blow came in the penultimate over when paceman Clint Brockman, brought back after his unsuccessful opening spell, had Jones caught in the slips off the last ball of the over. Stour were all out for 93 with Game stranded on 28 not out.

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Cougars to take on 25 teams in new round

COSELEY COUGARS get back on track in the Elite Karting League on Sunday.

The Cougars will be among 26 teams taking part in round two at Ellough Park, Suffolk.

The new series is bringing together a wide variety of talented karters bidding to become the national team champions.

The first event last month at Bayford Meadows in Kent was hailed as a great success, with more than 100 karters taking part.

At round one, Hereford Heroes scooped the Race of Champions cash prize, taking home £625, but Teamsport Tornadoes lead the overall team standings.

Matchams Machines are close behind with Birmingham Wheels Bullets and Pontefract Pirates in third and fourth respectively. Hereford Heroes lie fifth with Cambridge Cobras rounding out the top six.

The Cougars had mixed fortunes at the Kent round and will be looking to move up the table from their current 15th position.

For more details on taking part, visit Facebook.com/thekartingleague. Kat Pope, Elite Karting League co-ordinator, said: "The first event went really well."

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NEW SIGNING AS ANDY TAKES HELM

STOURBRIDGE FC have a new chairman and have also made their first player signing of the summer.

Andy Pountney has become chairman while, in a reversal of roles, Ian Pilkington will stay on the club's board of directors as vice-chairman. On the playing front, Stourbridge manager Gary Hackett has snapped up pacy forward Luke Benbow.

Pilkington said of the boardroom switch: "It's a natural progression, really, and the timing feels right."

"Andy has been involved for two years now and has gained a full understanding of how a semi-professional football club like ours operates and all the work that goes on behind the scenes."

"He has a good range of contacts and will bring a fresh energy to the role as we look to continue to push forward."

Pountney said: "I feel honoured to be asked to take over at the helm of the Glassboys."

Develop

"In his three years as chairman, Ian has presided over a particularly successful time in the club's history and we will continue to work together along with the other members of the board to develop the club further both on and off the pitch."

"This is a very exciting time to be involved with Stourbridge FC and I am already looking forward to the start of the 2012-13 season."

Club directors will be in attendance at the Glassboys Bar from 8pm tonight ahead of the monthly 150 Club Draw when supporters will have the opportunity to chat with officials to discuss matters of interest.

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The Glassboys will also be making announcements on admission prices and season ticket sales for the 2012-13 season. In addition, they will be providing an update on the club's pre-season programme of matches.

Meanwhile Benbow, aged 20, joins the ranks at Ambleside. He impressed against the Glassboys as a second-half substitute for Redditch United at the War Memorial Athletic Ground in April.

Benbow is a strong and pacy frontrunner who also holds the ball up well.

At 16 he joined the football education programme at Birmingham City where he was a member of the side that won the Youth Conference in two successive seasons.

He then had spells with Bromsgrove Rovers and Weymouth before being selected to join Glenn Hoddle's Football Academy in Spain.

Benbow returned to the UK last year and had trials with Cheltenham Town in September 2011 before signing for Solihull Moors.

He was initially loaned out to Midland Alliance side Highgate United before later joining Redditch – also on loan.

Heathens still hunting for that new home



Dudley Heathens celebrate with the National Shield after victory at Monmore Green



Dudley's Ashley Morris leads rival Lewis Blackbird
Pictures: Jonathan Hipkiss Photography

GARY PATCHETT says Dudley Heathens bosses are more determined than ever to turn up the pressure for a new home circuit.

The joint Heathens owner says the crowd for last week's National Shield win over Mildenhall underlined just what the club means to the fans.

He said: "We're more determined than ever to do whatever we can to work with Gornal Athletic FC and Dudley Council to see if we can make this dream become a reality."

"It's a golden opportunity for Dudley Council to bring back top-class sport to the borough and the Heathens quite clearly have the biggest consistent fan base of any sporting team carrying the Dudley identity. No other team comes close in any sport."

"Even towards the end of last season when we had no chance of

reaching the play-offs we were still getting fantastic support, and we have to encourage that."

"As a club myself, Nigel Pearson (chairman) and Chris Van Straaten are doing our utmost to provide a good team with great entertainment and we will continue to do so. A Heathens meeting at Wolves is an event, not just a speedway meeting."

Beating

Gornal Athletic hope to sell their current ground for housing and then build a new stadium which would also house the Heathens.

Dudley, having taken the National Shield with a 10-point aggregate win by beating Mildenhall 52-41 last week, are back on the cup trail on Tuesday when they face the Isle of Wight in the first leg of the Knockout Cup semi-final.

Skipper Adam Roynon says his side will be looking for a hefty first-leg lead against a powerful Islanders side with the return at Smallbrook on July 3.

Cradley won the British League Knockout Cup a staggering eight times between 1979-89 and also took the League Cup and Inter-League Cup.

Roynon said: "Everyone knows what a tradition Cradley had; you only have to look at their record. But this is now and all we can do as a team is give our best."

"The lads are doing really well so far and we need to keep it going. We have to be looking for a handy lead from the first leg to take down to the island for the return. Everyone knows the island is a tough place for a visiting team to go, so we're going to need the backing of our brilliant fans on Tuesday."

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